

## CLAIMS

1. A method of capturing, in a computer system, data relating to a note-taking session, the session consisting of handwritten annotations made by a user by way of a  
5 writing implement on a plurality of pages, the method including the steps of:

receiving, in the computer system and via the writing implement, an indication of the start of the note-taking session;

receiving, in the computer system and via the writing implement, data indicative of said handwritten annotations made by said user on said plurality of pages;

- 10 receiving, in the computer system and via the writing implement, an indication of the end of the note-taking session; and

retaining a retrievable record of the received data for the note-taking session.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein each of said pages includes coded data  
15 indicative of at least one reference point of the page, and said writing implement includes a sensor for detecting said coded data.

3. A method according to claim 1, wherein each of the pages includes coded data indicative of an identity of the page, and said writing implement includes a sensor for  
20 detecting said coded data.

4. A method according to claim 2 or claim 3, the coded data being substantially invisible in the visible spectrum.

- 25 5. A method according to claim 1, wherein said indication of the start of the note-taking session is provided by the computer system receiving data indicative of said handwritten annotations made by said user on said plurality of pages.

6. A method according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of pages is associated with a control portion comprising at least one control zone, the computer system receiving an indication via said writing implement that said user has designated one or more control zones using the writing implement.

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7. A method according to claim 6, wherein one or more of said pages includes said control portion.

8. A method according to claim 6, wherein said plurality of pages are provided in the form of a notepad, the notepad includes said control portion on a part of the notepad other than on one of said pages.

9. A method according to claim 6, wherein said at least one control zone includes a zone associated with the start of the note-taking session, and said indication of the start of the note-taking session is provided by the computer system receiving an indication that said user has designated said zone by way of said writing implement.

10. A method according to claim 6, wherein said at least one control zone includes a zone associated with the end of the note-taking session, and said indication of the end of the note-taking session is provided by the computer system receiving an indication that said user has designated said zone by way of said writing implement.

11. A method according to claim 1, wherein said writing implement includes a writing nib, and said writing nib is associated with a sensor able to detect nib contact with one of said plurality of pages.

12. A method according to claim 1 including the step of using said retrievable record to selectively print the data indicative of said handwritten annotations.

13. A method according to claim 12, wherein said plurality of pages is associated with a control portion including a zone associated with the printing of the note-taking session, the computer system receiving an indication via said writing implement that said user has designated said zone using the writing implement.

14. A method according to claim 12, the data being printable on a plurality of pages corresponding to the plurality of pages annotated in the note-taking session.

15. A method according to claim 14 including the step of binding the plurality of printed pages.

16. The method of claim 1 in which the writing implement contains an identification means which imparts a unique identity to the sensing device and identifies it as being associated with a particular user in said note-taking session and in which the method includes monitoring, in the computer system, said identity.

17. A system for capturing data relating to a note-taking session, the session consisting of handwritten annotations made by a user by way of a writing implement on a plurality of pages, the system including:

a computer system for receiving indicating data via the writing implement operated by the user, said indicating data regarding the position of the writing implement relative to a page, the computer system including (a) means for identifying, from the indicating data, an indication of the start of the note-taking session and an indication of the end of the note-taking session; and (b) storage means for retaining a retrievable record of the received data for the note-taking session, said retrievable record being indicative of said handwritten annotations made by said user on said plurality of pages between the start and end of the note-taking session.

18. A system according to claim 17, including a plurality of pages, each page including coded data indicative of at least one reference point of the page, said indicating data regarding the position of the writing implement relative to a page being sensed by the writing implement using at least some of the coded data.

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19. A system according to claim 18, wherein each page includes coded data indicative of an identity of the page, and said indicating data regards both the position of the writing implement relative to a page and the identity of the page.

10 20. A system according to claim 18, wherein the coded data is substantially invisible in the visible spectrum.

21. A system according to claim 18 including a writing implement which includes a sensor for detecting said coded data.

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22. A system according to claim 21, wherein said writing implement includes a writing nib, and said writing nib is associated with a sensor able to detect nib contact with one of said plurality of pages.

20 23. A system according to claim 21, in which the writing implement contains an identification means which imparts a unique identity to the sensing device and identifies it as being associated with a particular user in said note-taking session, the computer system including means for monitoring said identity.

25 24. A system according to claim 17 including a plurality of pages, said plurality of pages being associated with a control portion comprising at least one control zone, the computer system receiving an indication via said writing implement that said user has designated one or more control zones using the writing implement.

25. A system according to claim 24, wherein one or more of said pages includes said control portion.

5 26. A system according to claim 24 including at least one notepad incorporating said plurality of pages, the at least one notepad including said control portion on a part of the notepad other than on one of said pages.

10 27. A system according to claim 26, said plurality of pages being superposed and joined together on a backing sheet, the backing sheet sized to extend beyond at least one edge of the superposed plurality of pages to provide an uncovered extended part, said control portion being provided on said extended part of the backing sheet.

15 28. A system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one control zone includes a session start zone, said means for identifying an indication of the start of the note-taking session comprises means for receiving an indication that said user has designated said zone by way of said writing implement.

20 29. A system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one control zone includes a session end zone, said means for identifying an indication of the end of the note-taking session comprises means for receiving an indication that said user has designated said zone by way of said writing implement.

25 30. A system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one control zone includes a print zone, said system including means for receiving an indication that said user has designated said print zone by way of said writing implement and means, in response to said indication, to print from said retrievable record data indicative of said handwritten annotations.

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